

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) Portable container for extinguishing and for temporary storing cigarette stubs, the container comprising

a drum rotatable on an axis, the drum having at least one recess running parallel to said axis for temporary accepting a cigarette stub, the drum divided into drum parts, whereby neighbouring drum parts are separated by gaps running orthogonally to said axis,

a chamber closed to the surroundings for storing extinguished cigarette stubs,

an opening that is arranged opposite to a front face of the drum and that in specific rotating positions of the drum aligns with said at least one recess of the drum,

a lid connected to the drum, the lid having at least one opening for the insertion of a cigarette stub, whereby the lid either uncovers or covers said opening of the container, and

a plurality of elements arranged on a side wall of the container, each element being assigned to one of said gaps and protruding into the assigned gap so that the elements change the cross-section of said at least one recess on turning the drum.

6. (New) Portable container according to claim 5, wherein the chamber has a bent inner floor.

7. (New) Portable container according to claim 5, wherein an end of said at least one recess located opposite said front face of the drum is terminated by a floor area.

8. (New) Portable container according to claim 5, wherein the number of drum parts amounts to at least four.

9. (New) Portable container according to claim 6, wherein the number of drum parts amounts to at least four.

10. (New) Portable container according to claim 7, wherein the number of drum parts amounts to at least four.